

[9th September 1959]

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 224 asked by Sri S. Lazar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 9th September 1959, page 126 supra.]

(a) In respect of the scheme for distribution of fertilizers, the financial year is taken as the basis for implementation. Accordingly, the estimated requirements of this State of the nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers for 1959-60 are as follows:—

Nitrogenous fertilizers.

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Ammonium Sulphate	160,000
Urea	25,000
Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate	25,000
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	7,500

Phosphatic fertilizers.

Superphosphate	61,000
Triple Superphosphate	2,000
Ammoniated Triple Superphosphate ..	2,000
Mono-Ammonium Phosphate	200
Diammonium Phosphate	200

(b) Yes. The fertilizers required by the States except Superphosphate are supplied by the Government of India, under the Central Fertilizer Pool Scheme. In the case of Superphosphate, the manufacturing firms will themselves distribute the quantity allotted under an informal controlled distribution scheme. Under these arrangements, the allotted quotas are expected to be supplied for distribution: The progress of supply is watched and action taken to expedite supply where necessary. According to present indications, however, it is likely that the actual allotment and supply of nitrogenous fertilizers may be only about 50 per cent of the requirements as indicated above, due to foreign exchange limitations.

(c) Yes. The intention is to move adequate stocks to the various centres of distribution in advance of the manuring season and to ensure that there is a continuous supply during the season so that the stocks in the godowns and distribution depots are replenished promptly. To this end, the Collectors and the Board of Revenue watch the stock and supply position and take timely action.